

## METHOD FOR FORMING COMPOSITE ARTICLES

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A composite structure is formed by depositing a one or more coatings on an open-cell foam skeleton to form a higher-density composite foam. In accordance with one aspect of the invention, the composite foam can be a carbon/carbon composite  
5 formed by a rapid densification process. The composite structure is suitable for use, for example, as a friction material employed in clutch and brake devices.